



# The Town Crier

A Newsletter from the Town of Warrenton



## ARB Awards Best Projects In Historic District

The Town's Architectural Review Board held its 2008 ARB Awards Program last November at the Warrenton-Fauquier Visitors' Center. The Board revived the Awards Program, which had been on hiatus since 2004, to recognize exceptional local revitalization projects within the Historic District.

Roger Martella, Jr., At-Large Councilman and former Chairman of the Architectural Review Board, opened the program, then turned over the mic to Dr. Gary Stanton from the University of Mary Washington, who spoke about the importance of supporting and recognizing local preservation efforts. Mr. Mark DiGiulian, current Chairman of the ARB, then presented the awards. Nineteen projects presented to the ARB between 2004 and 2007 were awarded Historic Plaques, Certificates of Recognition or Letters of Appreciation.

Historic bronze plaques were given to a select few projects that were extraordinary examples of significant restoration, rehabilitation or new additions. Certificates of Recognition were awarded to significant projects where an exemplary effort was exhibited to enhance a property in the Historic District. Letters of Appreciation were distributed to outstanding projects that exemplified stewardship and historic preservation of structures within the Historic District.



*Malcolm Alls received a bronze plaque for renovations to the Sunrise Nursing Home at 194 E. Lee Street.*



*The addition of "angel wings" to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church earned a bronze plaque.*

Here's a summary of the awards presented that night. Congratulations to all!

### Historic Plaques

- 2005 — The John Mosby Spilman Foundation for its historic renovations to Brentmoor (Mosby-Spilman House)
- 2006 — St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church for its "angel wings" addition to the church
- 2006 — Malcolm Alls for conversion of the Sunrise Retirement Home building (194 East Lee Street)

### Certificates of Recognition

- 2004 — The Plane Tree Homeowners Association for Phase II construction of Chancellor's Gate
- 2005 — Malcolm Alls for the Fourth/Lee Streets renovation
- 2005 — Culpeper Street, LLC for installation of the awning at 19 Culpeper Street
- 2005 — Ben and Ann Gravett for renovations to 74 Waterloo Street
- 2005-07 — Donald Reuwer for improvements to Iron Bridge Restaurant (29 Main Street)
- 2006 — Arundel Family, LLC for installation of a canopy over the printing press at the Fauquier Times-Democrat building (39 Culpeper Street)
- 2002-07 — David Norden, AIA, for architecture of the Warrenton-Fauquier Visitors Center (33 North Calhoun Street)

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## Letters of Appreciation

- 2004 — Herbert and K. D. Stotler for their porch addition and enclosure at 115 Culpeper Street
- 2004 — Linda K. Pranke for the garage at 229 Winchester Street
- 2004 — Domenic Mangione (original owner) and Dale and Sonia Douty (current owners) for the new residence at 175 Winchester Street
- 2005 — Doug and Kelly Schoenberger for the addition to 102 Winchester Street
- 2005 — Richard and Linda Klingensmith for the addition and deck at 91 High Street
- 2005 — Renee Yount for the outdoor patio at 3rd Street Café (15 South Third Street)
- 2006 — Randall Jones for the rear addition to 206 Culpeper Street
- 2006 — Timothy Miles for the restoration of siding and roof at 122 Green Street

These projects, and others like it, insure that the Town of Warrenton will always maintain its historic charm. For questions about the ARB, its awards program or the Historic District, please contact Sarah Sitterle at (540) 347-2405 or [ssitterle@warrentonva.gov](mailto:ssitterle@warrentonva.gov). ■

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## Warrenton Police Issue Theft Warning



The Warrenton Police Department has experienced a series of larcenies that are occurring while the victims are shopping. The victim's purse or wallet is left in the shopping cart, and then is taken by the suspect

when the victim's attention is elsewhere. A recent surveillance video showed a suspect removing a purse from the shopping cart when the victim was beside the cart looking at items on the shelves.

It takes only a few seconds for the suspect to steal your purse and walk away, but the problems you'll have afterwards will be around for months... maybe longer if identity theft is involved. Please be aware of the people around you while you are inside a store. The suspect(s) are targeting victims and following them throughout the store until the opportunity to steal the purse or wallet presents itself. So please maintain control of your wallet or purse at all times; don't leave it in a shopping cart. You may lose more than your money! ■



# Summer Fun Close To Home!

The Town of Warrenton is your one-stop destination for summer fun. Why plan stressful and expensive getaways this summer when you can find fun, inexpensive recreation activities right here in Town? The Town of Warrenton Parks and Recreation is buzzing in preparation for a full range of summer activities, including programs, classes and camps for all ages.

## Summer Camps

The Warrenton Aquatic and Recreation Facility (WARF) will be hosting Summer Camps for the first time this year. Weekly camps for children ages 6-12 will be held starting the week of June 22. Each week of camp will run Monday - Friday from 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM. Children will spend the first half of each day involved in indoor and outdoor fitness and health activities. After a short snack break, campers will make their way down to the pools for swim and safety instruction, followed by supervised swimming and playing. Other activities will include (but are not limited to) Kid Boot Camp, relay races, zumba fun, kickball, water safety games, yoga for kids, Frisbee golf, swimming, water sliding and more!

Registration for summer camps is now open. Register today to reserve your spot; space is limited! Please visit the front desk at the WARF or the WARF's website at [www.warrentonva.gov](http://www.warrentonva.gov) for more information.



## Beach Patrol

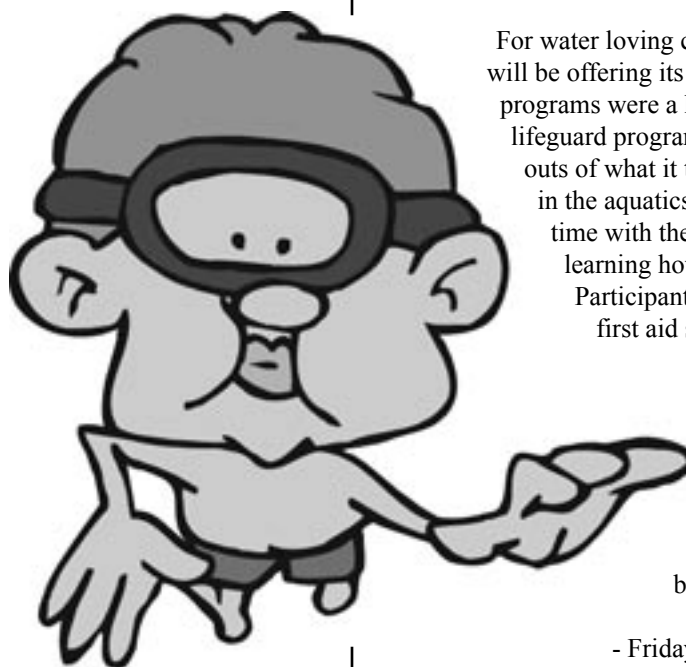
For water loving children ages 10-15, the WARF will be offering its Beach Patrol program. Last year's programs were a hit! Beach Patrol is a junior lifeguard program that teaches kids the ins and outs of what it takes to be a lifeguard and work in the aquatics field. Participants will spend time with the lifeguard staff at the WARF, learning how they work on a daily basis.

Participants will also be taught basic rescue, first aid skills and water safety skills, and the basics of swim instruction and working with kids in the water.

Beach Patrol is the perfect experience for kids hoping to have an aquatics career in the future. But it's also a FUN way to learn life skills that will be of benefit in any career!

Beach Patrol will be held Monday - Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM the following weeks: July 13-17, July 27-31 and

August 10-14.



## Summer Aquatics

The WARF's summer aquatics line-up offers a full range of aquatics and learn-to-swim classes. From parent-and-child, to preschool, to level and fitness swimmer classes, the WARF has something for everyone. Registration opens Thursday, May 28 for members and Thursday, June 4 for non-members. Register quickly; spaces fill up fast! ■



# The Bill of Rights for Trees

*"I am the Lorax; I speak for the trees.  
But this time it's their turn, so please hear their pleas!"*  
— The Lorax\*

We the trees of Warrenton would like to set a few things straight. We understand that most of you care a great deal about us and we appreciate all you have done. It's just that we might have been misunderstood and need more care than originally thought. So, we'd like to ask you to do a few things that will make life for us better and much healthier!

## Preamble

We the trees of Warrenton, Virginia, in order to contribute to a more perfect community, ask that you take the time to put each of us in the right location so that we may reach our full potential during the next hundred or so years. The right tree in the right location is the cornerstone of successful tree planting and survivability. Remember, some of us like to be wet and some dry; many of us love the shade, while others love to bask in the glorious rays of the sun. Help us to be in the right place with the right conditions.

## Article I -- Never plant us too low in the ground.

There is a place on our trunks called the "tree flare." This is the place where the "root crown" meets the trunk and is the transition zone for what should exist below or above the soil line. Putting the trunk flare below the ground makes it difficult to survive. It makes us vulnerable to decay, making it difficult to stand erect. Be sure you can see our trunk flare above the ground like an elephant's foot on the ground or a bell sitting in the dirt -- never like a straight pole.

## Article II -- Organic mulch.

Don't apply too much mulch around us and avoid piling it up against our trunks. We want to warn everyone about "VOLCANO MULCHING" -- the improper practice of piling the mulch up around our trunks so high that it looks like we are spewing out mulch rings! We don't like dirt or mulch touching our trunk flare. You should still see our trunk flare clearly, which means you have done a great job. So please use less mulch and put it out over the roots, not up against our trunks.

## Article III -- Watering.

This next request is a matter of life and death. We need after-planting care that lasts for at least one full year, including water for a full growing season. Not a little bit of water every day, but heavily and infrequently... maybe two times per week (Wednesday and Sunday, for example), with the opportunity to dry out in between. This allows for air and water in just the right dose. And please, no fertilizer right now, as we're not old enough to know what to do with it. Save that for our older relatives.

## Article IV -- Pruning.

Pruning us should be limited to the removal of dead wood for the first two years after planting, and maybe in special cases the removal of seriously rubbing branches. If you take off live branches directly after planting, we work on putting new ones back on instead of building a dynamic root system. We'll work on guidelines for pruning later. For now, call an ISA certified arborist and ask for their help; they know almost as much about trees as we do!

So, what do you think? Our Bill of Rights is much shorter and less cumbersome than the one written for you 200 years ago, but no less important. Trees are planted for the future -- for kids, adults, and young lovers -- everyone. Someone planted us for you to enjoy and you can go out and plant some of our babies for your babies.

For a complete list of trees and their applications (as well as prohibited trees), see Article 8 of the Warrenton Zoning Ordinance at [www.warrentonva.gov](http://www.warrentonva.gov).

\* With apologies to Dr. Seuss. ■



## Put Fall Clean-Up Week On Your Calendar



For those who missed the Warrenton's Spring Clean-Up Week, Fall Clean-Up has been scheduled for the week of October 19-23. Seasonal clean-up weeks are organized by the Town of Warrenton to help residents get rid of refuse not

typically collected during weekly refuse collections.

During Clean-Up Week Town crews pick up large items, odd refuse and debris. This is a residential collection only. For more information about Clean-Up Week collections, check the Town's web page ([www.warrentonva.gov](http://www.warrentonva.gov)), watch for the fall issue of the Town Crier, or call the Public Works Department at (540) 347-1858. ■

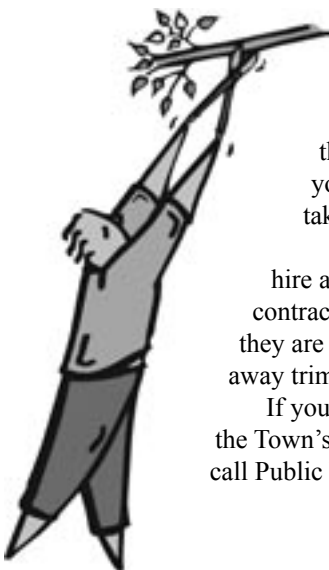
## Brush Up On the Brush Policy

Got some large limbs or tree trimmings you'd like to get rid of? That's what the Town's regular brush collections are for. To take advantage of this service, place your brush, limbs, small trimmings, clippings, grass and leaves at the curbside with your regular refuse. The general rule is that if your refuse can be fed through a chipper, you can put it out. This collection is not for large logs, stumps, rocks or dirt.

Brush pick-ups are scheduled around the Town crews' regular refuse collection schedule, so you may need to wait till they can get to it. But put your brush out and crews will take it as soon as possible.

Keep in mind that if you hire a private tree or landscaping contractor to do work in your yard, they are responsible for hauling away trimmings and brush.

If you have any questions about the Town's brush collections, please call Public Works at (540) 347-1858. ■



## A Plug For Fire Plugs

Ever wonder where the term "Fire Plug" came from? The first water mains in large cities were made of wood. During a fire, firemen would remove the cobblestones in the street, digging down to the wooden water main. They would then poke a hole in the wooden pipe with a pickaxe to obtain water to fight the fire. After the fire was extinguished, the firemen would hammer a wooden plug into the hole in the water main. The spot where the plug was installed would then be marked for future use. And that's how fire hydrants got the slang name "fire plugs."

Speaking of fire hydrants, there are a large number of them in the Town of Warrenton, and they are critical to our Fire Department's ability to fight fires. For this reason, the Virginia Code prohibits parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant or the entrance to a fire station. Violators can be issued a parking citation with a fine of \$10.00 and/or the vehicle can be towed. Worst of all, you may be jeopardizing your neighbors' safety or property by impeding quick access to water during a fire emergency.

Also, if a fire hose has been attached to a hydrant, it's unlawful for a vehicle to drive over any unprotected hose the Fire Department has laid down. ■



## Water Conservation Tips for Your Lawn

- Don't over-water your lawn. A hearty rain eliminates the need for watering for several days.
- Raise your lawn mower blades to at least three inches. A lawn cut higher encourages grass roots to grow deeper, shades the root system and holds soil moisture better than closely clipped lawns.
- Avoid over-fertilizing your lawn. The application of fertilizers increases the need for water and is a source of ground water pollution.
- If you water your lawn manually with an above ground sprinkler, set a kitchen or microwave timer to remind yourself to turn the water off. An unattended garden hose sprinkler can pour out over 400 gallons of water per hour.
- If you water your lawn through a single garden hose one hour per day, four days a week, expect your monthly bill to increase by \$75. ■



## Town Office Hours and Telephone Numbers

Town Office Hours are 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

The area code is 540 unless otherwise noted.

Finance Department.....	347-1102
Inspections .....	347-2405
Maintenance Shop.....	347-1858
Police Department	
Office of the Chief .....	347-1105
Police Station .....	347-1107
Non-emergency .....	347-1100
<b>Emergency .....</b>	<b>911</b>
Planning and Zoning .....	347-2405
Recreation Department (Aquatic Center) .....	349-2520
Recycling .....	347-1858
Sewage Plant.....	347-1104
Town Hall.....	347-1101
Town Manager .....	347-4505
Utilities.....	347-6574
Water Bills .....	347-2678
Water Plant.....	347-1103
TTD/TTY .....	1-800-828-1120

**After Hours Water and Sewer Emergency  
347-1100**

## Holiday Refuse Schedule

### Independence Day

**Monday, 6/29/09** — Regular refuse collection

**Tuesday, 6/30/09** — Regular refuse collection

**Wednesday, 7/1/09** — Regular recycling collection  
(cardboard, newspapers and blue bags)

**Thursday, 7/2/09** — Thursday and Friday's refuse  
collection

**Friday, 7/3/09** — Holiday; no refuse collection

### Labor Day

**Monday, 9/7/09** — Holiday; no refuse collection

**Tuesday, 9/8/09** — Monday and Tuesday's refuse  
collection

**Wednesday, 9/9/09** — Regular recycling collection  
(cardboard, newspapers and blue bags)

**Thursday, 9/10/09** — Regular refuse collection

**Friday, 9/11/09** — Regular refuse collection

*For your convenience during the holidays, there  
will be a refuse truck available at the Public Works  
Facility at 360 Falmouth Street. ■*

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